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- 1. In April 1948, prior to the Tito-Cominform break, a Soviet Commission arrived in Split to arrange for the enlargement of the shipyards and the northern harbor of the town. In addition, tunnels were to be driven into the hills where submarines could be assembled and launched without danger of destruction by air attack.
- 2. The Communist Party of Split ordered one Dr. Abramic, director of the Split Archeological Museum to protest against the proposed plan. Basis for the protest was that in the event of war, attacks directed against these installations would inevitably strike the city and also many world renowned historical spots in its environs would be destroyed. The protests ultimately reached Belgrade and, according to source, the project was dropped without the selection of another site.
- 3. The site of the Yugoslav Naval Academy is currently Divulje.
- The Yugoslavs maintain six or seven patrol boats along the Istrian coast, each patrolling a specific area. The boats have a maximum speed of 28 knots and are equipped with special sonic detectors whose range is approximately 15 miles. Other patrol boats of less speed are also used, but their effectiveness is not comparable to the 28 knot boats; and in rough seas they are practically useless.
- 5. Mines are to be found in the channels between Drvnich and the Solta islands, around Dubrovnik, along the west side of the island of Hvar, and from the harbor of the town of Hvar to Dubrovnik.
- The island of Vis has an observation post and a wireless station on the hill in the center of the island. The station is protected from attack by artillery. A similar station is located on the island of Pelagruz in the middle of the Adriatic. Both of these installations are maintained and operated by elements of the Yugoslav Navy.

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